



'CRYSTAL SKATE' SOON

Representatives of leading world figure skating countries will attend the 20th (jubilee) International Figure Skating Competition for the "Moscow News" prize. US and Canadian delegations are expected to be among the most representative. By tradition the event will feature all top Soviet skaters for whom it will be an elimination trial for places on the national team that will participate in the European and world championships. This was disclosed at a working session of the Organizing Committee held at our Editorial Office.

At present the Editorial Office and the USSR Figure Skating Federation are winding up an extensive preparatory work on the tournament, which starts on December 4 at the Moscow

Palace of Sport (Lenin Central Stadium) and ends up on December 8 with exhibition performances by top skaters. The event will have a full programme of world championships to enable the entrants to try out their composition on the eve of the most vital events. Olympic champion and Organizing Committee member, Alexander GORSHKOV, said that all noted Soviet skaters have been training for the new season. They will be led by world and European top skaters from Leningrad, Yelena VALOVA and Oleg VASILYEV, and the dancing duo from Moscow Natalya BESTEMANOVA and Andrei BUKIN, as well as men's singles world champion Alexander FADAYEV.

World chess match drawing to a showdown

In the Moscow world chess championship the last quarter of the contest between Anatoly Karpov and Garry Kasparov has begun. After 10 games out of the total of 24, the contender is well ahead, having consolidated his lead by winning another point. The score is now 10.5-8.5 in his favour.

The eighteenth game was played later than planned because the contender took his second time out.

Everyone realized that the two men had properly thought out all their possible moves. This meant that White (Karpov) would undoubtedly seek to win and that Black would try and damp the offensive. This proved true.

The last game, held in the P. I. Tchaikovsky Concert Hall, has shown that the two players can stand up to each other well. In the Sicilian defence the defending champion tried to develop his initiative on the King's flank. The contender, however, did all he could to stop this and the game ended in a draw.

In the following, 19th game Karpov played Black. For the sixth time in the match they took up the Nimovitch defence, with Kasparov winning two previous games resorting to this defence. This was to be his third win. Although in the fourth move Karpov chose a new pawn, this came as no surprise to the contender, who emerged

from the debut with a certain advantage. He then developed this advantage so that during a mutual time trouble he secured both a material and positional superiority. White's domination was so evident that the two did not conceal the last recorded moves. The duel was adjourned for the evening, yet on the next day Black conceded defeat without making a single move.

The 18th world champion is in a precarious position. In order to retain the title, he has to win at least two of the remaining games, drawing the rest. This is a formidable thing, given the dangerous contender he is facing. However, any conclusions would be preposterous.

Viktor BABKIN,
chess observer



Good chances for Soviet clubs



Moscow Spartak and Belgian Bruges say no way to each other.

All five Soviet clubs in the European football cups have good prospects after the first games of the second stage.

In the Champions Cup Leningrad Zenit edged Finnish Kuusysi at home 2-1.

In the Cup Winners Cup Kiev Dynamo played away to Romanian Universitatea to a 2-2 draw.

In the UEFA Cup Moscow Spartak beat Belgian Bruges at home 1-0.

Dnepr tied 2-2 in an away game with Dutch championship leaders Eldhoven, with both goals from Oleg Prolovsky, currently the top national scorer.

Odesa Chernomorets had very strong opponents in Madrid Real. The Spaniards have a three-point lead in the national

championship, while Chernomorets are going below par in the championship. But the Soviet side proved strong opposition to any club being eliminated from the competition. The first round and quarter-finals were won by 1-2 to Real Madrid, with good chances for the second-leg game.

Photo by Sergei Chelidze

Leningrad's bid praised

Reports that Leningrad has offered to host the 1996 Winter Olympics aroused great interest in the sporting world, including Czechoslovakia, writes the Bratislava-based "Rozhnicke Noviny". Indeed, it continues, this city on the Neva is a newcomer to such competitions. There is no doubt that the five Olympic rings will be in reliable and good hands there.

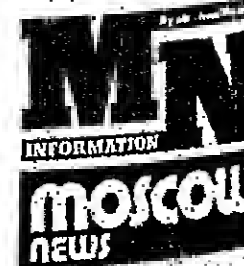
The paper praises the city's sport facilities, especially the Yubileiny Palace of Sport which has hosted world and European championships and representative international tournaments in over 20 sports. It is especially good for ice-hockey matches.

PARACHUTE JUMP FROM MOUNTAIN

A Frenchman, Pierre Cevaut recently jumped with the help of a parachute from the 8,035-metre mountain Chashubrum in the Himalayas. The flight, at the end of which the courageous parachutist landed at a base camp two thousand metres above sea level, lasted 45 seconds. The two guides who descended along the mountain

slope after taking Cevaut to the summit, took nearly minutes to return to the camp.

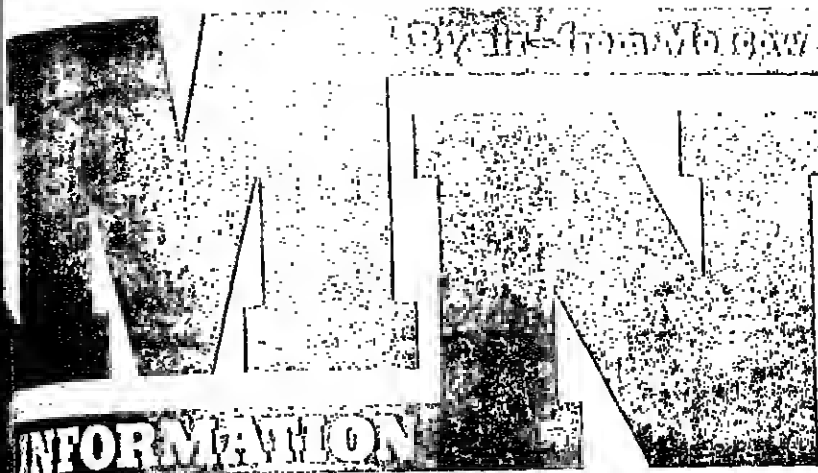
According to the French magazine "Teguppa", the 28-year-old electrician from Savoy has been practicing parachute jumping in mountains for 12 years, has never tried conventional descents from planes.



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INDY GANDHI STOPS OVER IN MOSCOW

The great achievements in the development of relations on the basis of the Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation between the USSR and India have been noted by Mikhail GORBACHEV and the Indian Prime Minister INDY GANDHI, who stopped over in the USSR on his way home from a tour abroad. The two leaders expressed both countries' mutual desire for an all-round expansion of their traditional friendly relations and many-faceted cooperation, to intensify joint efforts in the interests of lasting peace and greater security in the world.

Indy Gandhi declared that India is firmly committed to the cause of peace and progress, to the cause of peoples and equitable cooperation between states, to the fight for disarmament and prevention of a nuclear disaster. He also stressed the importance he attaches to the Soviet role in achieving radical reductions in strategic nuclear weapons.



Discussing traditional friendly relations.

'NO' TO WAR



thousands of Moscow students and young people on an anti-war march from Komosovskiy Prospekt to Lenin Hills. The march ended in an anti-war rally devoted to the fortieth anniversary of the World Federation of Democratic Youth.

Soviet and American women meet in Washington

Washington. Women from different continents, with hands stretched towards each other, in the symbol of an American public organization, Peace Links. This symbol graphically expresses the idea of a just ended conference in the American capital.

The fate of peace and what should be done to ensure a peaceful future for all children on the planet were the topics discussed by representatives of the American public and a delegation of the Soviet Women's Committee, which was in the US at the invitation of the Peace Links organization. Touring the country after the conference, the Soviet women held meetings with American public and political figures and also with ordinary Americans.

All the people on the planet are one aim in common — to preserve peace throughout the world and to prevent the threat of thermonuclear war, said A. Khripkova, leader of the Soviet delegation and Vice-President of the USSR Academy of Pedagogical Sciences. In order to achieve this aim it is necessary to act in the spirit of cooperation and not whip up confrontation and hostility, she stressed.

Italian investigation into American commandos action

Rome. In Syracuse, Sicily, an investigation has started into an incident on the American air

base at Sigonella when the American fighters forced an Egyptian airliner to land there.

The interception nearly caused an armed clash between the Italian carabinieri and American soldiers. The passengers included Arabs who had earlier taken over the "Achille Lauro" Italian liner and Egyptian and Palestinian Liberation Front. At the time who escorted them. At one point a group of American commandos attempted to take over the plane. In his speech in the Chamber of Deputies, the Italian Prime Minister, Bettino Craxi, said that the Americans were led by a general who had direct radio links with Washington. The carabinieri commander alerted the entire Italian personnel at the base.

If our servicemen had been at least a moment too late with the cordoning off the "Achille Lauro", the Americans would have written the plane's fate. To storm the plane, in which case the Italians would not have stood idly by.

New edition of the CPSU Programme

Soviet newspapers have published a draft new edition of the Programme of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union approved by the October 1985 Plenary Meeting of the Party's Central Committee.

As decided by the meeting, it has been presented for discussion by all Communists and citizens of the country.

The draft will be further submitted to 27th Party Congress for consideration and approval.

The third CPSU Programme in its current version, the draft points out, is a programme for planned and all-round perfection of socialism and further advance of the Soviet people towards Communism through accelerated socio-economic development. This is a programme of a drive for peace and social progress.

The draft formulates, concisely, the major objectives and directions of the Party's foreign policy:

- ensure favourable external conditions to further improve socialist society and advance towards Communism in the USSR; remove the threat of world war and achieve universal security and disarmament;
- steadily expand cooperation between the USSR and international socialist countries, promote the consolidation and advancement of the world socialist system;
- facilitate equal and friendly relations with the liberated countries;
- maintain and develop relations between the USSR and capitalist states on the basis of peaceful coexistence and businesslike and mutually profitable cooperation;
- strengthen international solidarity with communist and revolutionary democratic parties, the international working-class movement and the national liberation struggle of nations.

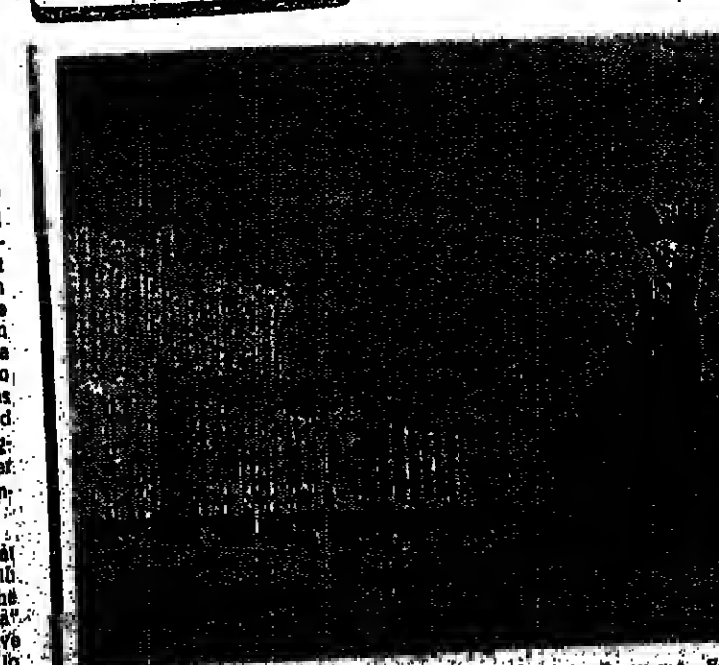
The draft new edition of the CPSU Programme specifies, precisely and clearly, the prospects for the development of Soviet society and spells out the ways and means of attaining Communism. The essence of the Party's current course is rooted in the acceleration of the socio-economic development of this country. This conception is outlined in provisions of the new Programme, which define the aims and tasks of activities to be pursued by the Communist Party and the Soviet people in all spheres of public life.

In the economic sphere, by the end of the year 2000 it is planned to double the Soviet production potential through radical modernization of the entire means of production. Changes will first and foremost be effected on the basis of accelerated scientific and technological progress. Science is expected to fully become a direct production force.

In the social sphere, it is planned to achieve steady improvements in the conditions of life and work for the Soviet people, and fuller implementation of

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MOSCOW SIGHTS



The "USSR Bridge" near the Russian Federation, Bulgaria, Soviet Union. Photo by Boris Tombov.



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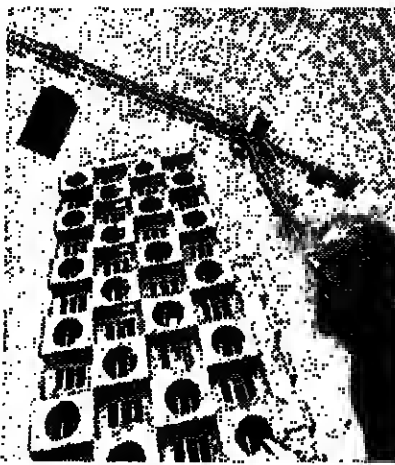
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KRASNODAR DEVELOPING RAPIDLY

The town of Krasnodar built 200 years ago on the right bank of the Kuban River (which takes its source from the foothills of the Elbrus Mountain in the Northern Caucasus) and was called at the time Yekaterinodar after a Russian tsarina. During World War II the tsarina, retreating from the Caucasus, blasted all the more valuable buildings, leaving scores of thousands of people homeless. Forty years have passed since and the city has turned into one of the most beautiful in southern Russia.

In the first place this is the centre of a big agrarian and resort area which, admittedly,



has no equal nationwide in the variety of nature. It has enough heat and warmth for growing rice and citrus plants on the Black Sea coast. Kuban's black soil, growing nationally record crops of wheat, vegetables and technical cultures, is renowned all over the country. Though a predominantly agrarian area, it has a rapidly developing industry, with special emphasis on machine-tool making and metal

working. It has fairly large, even by Russian Federation standards, engineering works, which manufacture boring and turning lathe electric measurement instruments factory and a compressor plant. The city has all-Union research institutes of oil-bearing and other and oil-bearing cultures, a branch of the Russian state design institute of land reclamation and water economy, etc.

There is a big housing scheme afoot, and to the next 15 years more than 100,000 comfortable flats will be built in this city with a population of 700,000 at this time. Wide-ranging green sections are being planted in the new residential areas like in the old parts of the main street, Krasnaya, where trees form a green canopy over the whole street.

In the photos (clockwise):

- New houses go up.
- The city's Executive Council considers a new architectural project.
- A city fete.
- At an engineering works.

Round the Soviet Union

● A RARE GINSENG ROOT HAS BEEN FOUND IN THE U.S. SURI TAIGA IN THE FAR EAST. It weighs two hundred and two grammes and is at least 150 years old. Another 49 ginseng roots were found nearby. Their total weight is 800 grammes.

● PROBLEMS OF GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WERE DISCUSSED BY DELEGATES TO THE RECENT INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM, "COMPREHENSIVE GLOBAL MONITORING OF THE BIOSPHERE" HELD IN THE UZBEK CAPITAL TASHKENT. In their recommendations the delegates from 23 countries and eight international organizations stressed the active monitoring of the environment as a vital necessity for all people living on Earth.

● IN THE BALTIC REPUBLIC OF LATVIA A DATA BANK HAS BEEN SET UP TO HELP MOEL INTRICATE ECOLOGICAL PROCESSES, FORECAST PRODUCTIVITY OF FOREST TRACTS, AND PLAN MAJOR CONSERVATION MEASURES. The bank contains diverse information about the flora, climate and soils in the Baltic was obtained by field expeditions over the past fifty years.

Eastern Siberia's oil and gas

Exploitation of new oil and gas fields and other deposits discovered recently in the territory of the Lena near the Khatanga and the Vitim (Eastern Siberia) has begun.

The samples have shown that the oil here has a high quality, a large content of light fractions and valuable oil. It is planned to set up a Vorkuta-lensky territorial and industrial complex on the basis of these deposits that will comprise several enterprises.

Development of the gas deposits and related industries is of great economic importance. A network of pipelines carrying the natural fuel to different cities will replace millions of tonnes of oil and coal.

BIOLLOCATION WINS RECOGNITION

Biolocation effect was known in ancient Egypt and since then people have been tirelessly arguing about the extraordinary ability of a man to spot subterranean waters and ore deposits using a rod or a metal frame.

Now, however, writes the newspaper TRUD, biolocation is gradually winning official recognition and it is not accidental that an experimental and methodological unit on biolocation research has been operating since 1980 within the framework of the association Soviet-geologia. There is no other body of the kind in the USSR. It was not an easy task to tear down the barrier of distrust and convince people that biolocation unit was necessary. The whole thing was settled after geological prospecting and hydrogeological studies had carried out in extremely difficult terrain conditions in Dnieper (Ukraine). Accurate data furnished by biolocation technique made it possible to save 15 thousand rubles on boring alone. Practical research showed that on experienced operators can locate ore-bearing veins buried as deep as 500 metres, major gas pockets can be spotted at a depth of several km. Biolocation method helps locate karst openings, spot breaks in underground cables and heating mains. Some time ago the unit signed a contract with the Kiev system authority, under which specialists inspected 170 km of underground pipes. The operators located the damaged sections so quickly and accurately, that the unit was requested to train several specialists for the Kiev heating system.

INSTITUTE TO PROMOTE REANIMATION

The Institute of General Reanimation is a new scientific research centre just set up in Moscow, reports the newspaper MOSKOVSKAYA PRAVDA. It deals with the so-called clinical death during which the heart and breathing halt following severe injury, sharp pain, electric shock, sudden asphyxia of the blood vessels and a host of other similar factors. Today, scientists have found out that the heart may be restored several hours after death and that breathing can be restored in thirty to forty minutes. They now have an extensive armoury

of methods which can help take a human being out of the state of clinical death.

The newspaper says that the centre will have two linked reanimation sections — experimental and clinical. It may seem unexpected that one of the centre's main tasks, apart from reanimation, is prevention of clinical death, stresses the newspaper. The very possibility of this sort of approach is favoured by the unified network of reanimation services throughout the country. Today, a major hospital is inconceivable without a specialist who would, at a critical moment, save a patient from clinical death. A specialist like this possesses a special knowledge and has diverse reanimation equipment at his disposal. One of the tasks of the new institute is to refresh the skills and knowledge of medical personnel. Today, every doctor regardless of his specialty must know how to use reanimation techniques in the same way as a general practitioner must be able to perform on uncomplicated surgical operation. Devising such simple, precise, and efficient methods is another task of the new institute.

CHEETAH RETURNS TO ITS HABITAT

A young cheetah born at the Moscow Zoo has been sent by plane to the Bukhara specialized nursery, where Middle Asian gazelles (steppe onitopos) are bred, writes PRAVDA VOSTOKA, a newspaper published in the Soviet Republic of Uzbekistan. Uzbek nationalists have decided to reproduce the stock of this rare and beautiful animal, entered in the International Red Data Book, in the deserts of Central Asia — the original habitat of cheetahs.

Due to careful attention of the scientists the stock of Middle Asian gazelles has increased over the last few years. Last spring to avoid overcrowding, the gazelle herd was partially moved to the Azkaniya Nova preserve. Naturalists believe that cheetahs, the population of which will be taken under control, will not be detrimental to the breeding of other animals, but acting as a natural sanitary service, they will rid the area of a healthier ecological situation. In other words, they will perform the duty prepared for them by Mother Nature.

Chernikhov's exhibition to be held in Paris



Chitta Blawas (left) at a Young Pioneers' Palace in the Krasnopresnensky District of Moscow.

Photo by Yuri Ivkin

In the Soviet Union children have splendid opportunities for both mental and physical development as well as for recreation, he continued. It was a treat for me to visit a language school in Leningrad, where Hindi and Tamil are taught and where pupils also study the history, culture,

geography, and economy of India, as well as the biographies of its great people. This undoubtedly makes the rising generation interested in India and gives them warm feelings for my country. In the future, they will undoubtedly promote cordial relations between our two countries.

Science technology

INS GIVE NAMES

Results of the behaviour of dolphins by the Acoustic Laboratory of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR have been a complete system. It is a matter of a quarter of a century that scientists have been trying to determine whether dolphins

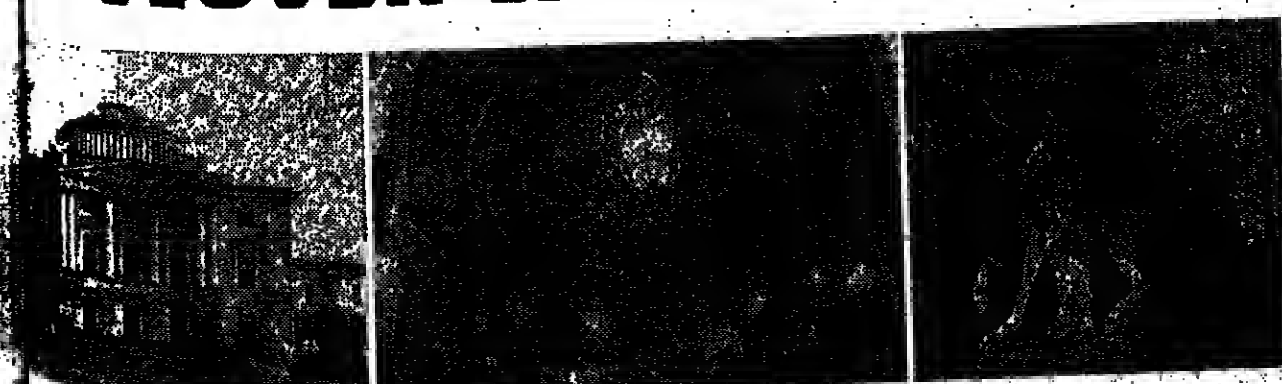
communicate with each other. The striking discovery was that the dolphins use a method proposed by staff members of a Kiev Polytechnic Institute. The first successful attempt was the use of waste from the local chemical and pharmaceutical plant to clarify the dolphins' conversations.

SELF-PURIFYING WASTE WATER

Drainage water can be purified with similar waste water by using a method proposed by staff members of a Kiev Polytechnic Institute. The first successful attempt was the use of waste from the local chemical and pharmaceutical plant to clarify the dolphins' conversations.

Places to visit

PAULOVSK LANDSCAPE PARK



The Grand Palace (400 square metres). A sculpture in the Pavlovsk park. The 18th-century Pavlovsk landscape park in the vicinity of Leningrad combines harmoniously with classic principles of park design and a refined taste for the beauty of Russian nature. The Grand Palace, once a summer residence of Emperor Alexander I, was founded in 1777. It is associated with the architect Charles Cameron, who planned the palace, numerous houses and pavilions in the park. The most prominent building in the Pavlovsk park is the Grand Palace. It has a remarkable dome supported by 84 columns. The Museum of Pavlovsk, once a summer residence of Emperor Alexander I, was founded in 1777. It is associated with the architect Charles Cameron, who planned the palace, numerous houses and pavilions in the park. The most prominent building in the Pavlovsk park is the Grand Palace. It has a remarkable dome supported by 84 columns. The Museum of Pavlovsk, once a summer residence of Emperor Alexander I, was founded in 1777. It is associated with the architect Charles Cameron, who planned the palace, numerous houses and pavilions in the park.

VIEWPOINT

CPSU Programme spells out active social policy

Gleb SPIRIDONOV

The new wording of the CPSU Programme, the draft of which is ready for a nationwide discussion, preserves as inviolable the Party's social policy based on an all-round concern for man, his work and well-being. The implementation of this policy over the past quarter of a century has dramatically raised the living standards of the Soviet people. Their real incomes have gone up two and a half times. There has been a corresponding increase in the consumption of goods and services. More than 250 million people have improved their housing conditions. Society has assumed the upkeep of all those who cannot earn their living. Dynamic impetus has been given to the development of culture, education, and health service. Other social problems have also been solved in a consistent way.

Today, raising the living standards of the Soviet people is becoming an increasingly urgent necessity in the very economic progress of the country and one of the most important prerequisites for accelerating the progress in science and technology and for a rapid growth in production. In view of this, the new wording of the Party Programme pays more attention to social life.

The CPSU proceeds from the fact that the Party must have a strong social policy which would encompass all aspects of human life — from conditions of work and everyday life, health and pastimes to social, class, and nationality relations.

Over the past two and a half decades, the broad introduction of advanced technologies, automation and mechanized production has resulted in profound changes in workers' jobs. The work done by the bulk of skilled workers is approaching the intellectual work of engineering and technical staff. Yet, a considerable number of industrial workers are still doing manual jobs involving less skill.

The plans for the socio-economic development to the near future provide for the creation of conditions necessary for highly productive creative work, pulling production on a qualitatively new technical basis. Broad introduction of comprehensive automation, robotics, and microelectronics will enable millions of people in work in more favourable conditions with higher efficiency.

At the same time, growing requirements are made on the technical knowledge and expertise of the working class and peasants, as radical improvements become essential in the training and improvement of skills in the society's main labour force. Today, there are 120 people with a higher and secondary education (complete or incomplete) in every thousand of the country's population. Every year, over thirty million people learn new trades and professions, or refresh their skills. However, modern production is oriented towards the forward-looking, highly organized, well-educated worker, and who possesses basically novel technological knowledge and skills.

All this sets forth the task of a serious reconstruction of personnel training all the way from secondary and vocational schools to colleges and universities. On the whole, the active social policy of the CPSU fits the detailed theory for accelerating the socio-economic development of the country devised and substantiated by the Party.

Alexander LUKANIN

Abkhazian long-livers address the Italians

Paolo Borboni, an Italian actress, and Kucha Tyvanba, a collective farmer from Abkhazie (a Soviet autonomous republic in Transcaucasia), readily found common language when they recently took part in a TV broadcast. In spite of her 86 years the actress has not given up acting, and the 105-year-old Tyvanba is still a soloist at the Naxos song and dance ensemble made up of long-livers.

A live broadcasting programme from the village of Lychny was sponsored by Italian and Soviet TV systems. More than 50 people above one hundred years old live in that village. Italian TV viewers saw

ENTERTAINMENT

'SCULPTOR AND ITS MUSE'

A young sculptor from Russia, Jumbo Jike, has been awarded the highest prize at an international symposium of sculpture held in Fano, Italy.

For nine days 19 sculptors from various countries showed their mastery in the town's squares. With many witnesses surrounding them they created real works of art. The crowd of spectators came from various corners of Italy and fulfilled the functions of a jury. People cast ballots in special boxes. The official jury, which consisted of authoritative experts, worked out the results.

"I felt greatly inspired by the fact that I had the Soviet Union behind me," said Jike. "I also had the flag of my country by my side."

He called his 2-metre-tall work, "Sculptor and Its Muse".

FACTS and EVENTS

Concours, Tallinn, the capital of Soviet Estonia, is the venue for a USSR Violinists Competition. The competition has three stages. Moscow, Leningrad and all constituent republics are represented by 40 musicians. The head of the jury is Viktor Tretyakov, Professor of Moscow Conservatory.

Circus, "Ct-Cuba-85", an international circus festival attended by many performers from the socialist countries, has ended in Havana. The chief prize was awarded to Soviet wild beast tamer Nikolai Pavlenko. He brought 18 Sumatra tigers for the festival.

One artist, Uche Dshaparidze, People's Artist of the USSR and member of the USSR Academy of Arts, has presented the Kustel art gallery with one of his most precious items — a painting by great Niko Pirosmanashvili, 40 years ago he bought the work called "A Woman With a Fan" from a private collector and had it restored with the help of restorer Teona Asfshvili.

CHINESE EXHIBITION



● A bowl (metal and stone).



● A beauty (porcelain).



● Lotus (ivory).

An exhibition of modern Chinese decorative and applied art now on at the Museum of Art of Peoples in Moscow consists of 200 items from PRC museums, and each offers an opportunity to see how talented Chinese people are. The flavour is unique, the forms are light and dainty, the feeling for proportion is amazing and the techniques are filigree. Almost all types of traditional Chinese arts are on view: porcelain and ceramics, ivory, stone, wood and bamboo carvings, chased metal, embroidery, puppets. The best ones are wall rugs and lacquered panels. The exhibits come from various parts of

China and cover a wide range of themes. Dominating, however, are birds, flowers and ornamental motifs. The Moscow museum has one of the richest collections of Chinese art in the country — more than 10,000 items. Each exhibition from China arouses tremendous interest everywhere. Last year modern Chinese paintings were very well received and commented upon. According to a well-established tradition, an exhibition of Soviet paintings has been opened in Peking and another one, of Russian applied art, will follow suit.

Theatre, Cinema and TV Stars

TAMARA MILASHKINA

Her voice is unique. This concert both its timbre and range (more than 2.5 octaves). In her first performance at the Bolshoi — Pietro Mascagni's "Cavalleria rusticana" — she sang a mezzo soprano, part defying established tradition.

The part of Santuzza can be taken up easily by a lyric-dramatic soprano, Milashkina says. I think this gives an opportunity to reveal the lyricism, tenderness and purity of the heroine. I have never sung the part of Santuzza before but she has become as dear to me as Aida and Tosca. I continue working on this part. It is so complex that one has a lot to think about and improve.

Tamara Milashkina was the favourite pupil of Yelena Kaluzhskaya, a famous Soviet singer and teacher of singing who has trained many soloists for the Bolshoi Opera. Milashkina was invited to the Bolshoi before her



Tamara Milashkina as Aida in Verdi's opera by the same name. Photo by Andrei Stepanov

graduation from the Conservatory in 1958. Her debut was in the role of "Eugene Onegin" which she coped with beautifully, portraying an innocent dreaming girl at first and then a glittering high society lady. Soon, with a group of Soviet singers, Milashkina left for Milan for further training. She prepared and sang to Italian the parts of Aida, Leonora, partly Tosca, and also Lida in Verdi's "La balladella di Lagnano" which had never been staged in our country before. (Last year it was staged at the Stanislavsky and Nemirovich-Danchenko Musical Theatre in Moscow.) When Milashkina sang the part of Lida in Milan she was applauded not only by the audience but also the La Scala orchestra and the world-famous Maria Callas. The director of the Milan Theatre presented Milashkina with Lida's costume.

After her triumph in Italy Milashkina returned to the Bolshoi Theatre. Here, and in other countries, she has sung with great success many parts from Russian, Western and Soviet repertoire. It is difficult to say which was the best. Her latest triumph is the role of Aida in Verdi's opera. It is difficult to say which was the best. Her latest triumph is the role of Aida in Verdi's opera. It is difficult to say which was the best. Her latest triumph is the role of Aida in Verdi's opera.

Verdi's "Otello" (conducted by Yevgeny Svetlanov). In this role Milashkina displays her vocal gifts as an actress. In her interpretation of Otello's "Un ballo in maschera" (conductor Alisa Zhuravskaya) she fascinated the audience with her beautiful timbre. Her performance in Dargomyzhsky's "The Stone Guest" is also famous, quick, spirited, and pure.

Her duet with Alexander Gerasimov in a rare scene of extremely beautiful voice. They sing in "The Queen of Spades", "Iolanthe", "Otello" and "The Stone Guest". They are often invited to sing abroad, especially in Vienna, Viena, and Novosibirsk. They will be "beautiful Tamara" and "the Russian from Russia".

Tamara Milashkina's life is full of performances, concerts, recordings. This is the same with all famous artists. Now she is busy recording a cycle of Russian songs by Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninov for Radio Moscow. Milashkina is also singing in Verdi's "Otello" for the Moscow recording company. At the same time she is singing in the opera "The Stone Guest" for the same company. She is also singing in the opera "The Stone Guest" for the same company.

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humour activity, "on the peak of world civilization". Our two countries have a long experience of co-operation. Now negotiations are under way on new lines dealing with lives of such Yugoslav artists and writers as Noddi, Kitanich and others. We will undoubtedly make these our links in various fields. Specifically we have bilateral agreements to exchange of scientific and technical information.

Alexander DONOVAN

BUSINESS

'Let's develop trade' — say Japanese partners

One of a number of well-known Japanese firms — major partners of Soviet trade organizations — recently visited Moscow. The purpose of their trip was to discuss the possibility of developing new major co-operation projects. On the average, our annual turnover with the USSR amounts to 600-700 million dollars. Specialists were told by the Japanese that they are interested in co-operation, especially in the chemical industry. Along with the Japanese Engineering Company, they delivered equipment to the chemical enterprises in the Soviet Union. In fact, we receive from the USSR the chemical products.

We are glad to occupy one of the leading places in Japanese-Soviet trade: our annual goods turnover is more than 700 million dollars, said T. Ito, president of the Sumitomo Corporation. However, our firm intends to proceed further. We are going to expand purchases of Soviet goods, participate in joint projects of economic co-operation and develop new long-term business links.

Contacts and contracts

At the 7th meeting of the Intergovernmental Commission on economic, scientific and technological co-operation between the USSR and the Lao People's Democratic Republic was recently held in Moscow. Reviewed, among other things were the progress in fulfilling the obligations envisaged in Soviet-Lao agreements on mutual deliveries of goods in the current year, and ways of fulfilling the transportation of foreign trade goods.

Under contracts concluded by the long-standing business partners V/O Mashinimport and the Czechoslovak foreign trade company Kovo, the USSR will receive complete laboratories, electroacoustic equipment and collective TV signals reception systems. In turn it will deliver to Czechoslovakia chromatographs, electron microscopes and other technologies.

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USSR and USA cannot flourish in a hostile political climate. Until certain changes occur in this climate, the general volume of this trade will remain much lower than its potential level could warrant it. In this connection, he pointed out the need to actively the discriminatory Jackson-Vanik Amendment to the US Foreign Trade Act. The amendment in question, as is known, aims at making the development of trade-economic ties between the USSR and USA dependent on irrelevant issues.

Philately

Italy welcomes stamp collections

At the World Philatelic Exhibition held in Rome, there is a stamp display from Moscow which includes nine collections by members of the All-Union Society of Philatelists. There is also a part of the USSR Stamp Collection from the Central Museum of Communications in Leningrad.

The collections, various in subject-matter, are about Soviet peace initiatives, the nuclear power, the environment, international cooperation, youth, science, workers, in science and culture. Several collections are dedicated to the history of Soviet air mail and Russian postal service of the 19th century.

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